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SECURITY INFORMATION

8 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: IAGS

SUBJECT: Background Information on PL 489

1. CIC records in Germany showed allegation that Subject had applied for membership in KPD and had attended voluntarily several meetings. It was also reported that Subject was a member of the BANDERA party.

2. These allegations were presented to Cassowary 3 (a leader in Germany of the Ukrainian Emigre Organization supported by CIA). Cassowary 3 stated that he had known this man personally since 1942 and that the man had been well known to the Cassowary Organization since that time. He agreed, however, to interrogate the individual with regards to the KPD allegations and explained that membership in the BANDERA party had been a very common situation for most of the members of the Cassowary organization.

3. A few days later the undersigned personally discussed this case with Cassowary 3 who stated that he was now absolutely convinced that the KPD allegation was without foundation and was undoubtedly an irresponsible denunciation made by a personal enemy of the Subject. We pointed out to Cassowary 3 again the full implication of security risks in connection with people that he was recommending for the KLOPE program. Cassowary 3 pointed out to us that security considerations were significant to his entire Organization as they were to us and that he had completely vouched for the political reliability of Subject.

4. To my best recollection this information was submitted to the Frankfurt Security Section in the form of a memorandum from the undersigned and we regret that it was not forwarded to you along with or subsequent to the results of the field check. We feel however that in this particular instance there is nothing in the record substantiating any security risk presented by Subject and believe that the appropriate security clearance should be issued to permit his recruitment.

cc: Chief, SCHOLDEN
Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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